

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 27, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Applicants note an error in the Remarks of the last response. Claim 147 was incorrectly listed as being amended. Applicants apologize for any confusion this error may have caused the Examiner.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 13-35, 38-43, 55-58, 61, 67, 70-72, 81-85, 87, 99, 100, 102-108, 112-117, and 119-150 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 141, 147, and 148 have been amended and new claim 150 has been added. No new matter has been added by either the amendments or new claims.

Claims 141-146 and 148 are rejected and claims 1-6, 8, 10, 13-35, 38-43, 55-58, 61, 67, 70-72, 81-85, 87, 99, 100, 102-108, 112-117, 119-140, and 149 are allowed.

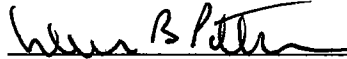
Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 141-146 and 148 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Quigley* (U.S. 6,148,866). *Quigley* does not teach, suggest, or disclose a corrugated tubular having a wall thickness of a corrugated portion that is the same as a wall thickness of an un-corrugated portion as recited in amended claim 141. Applicants believe the Examiner recognizes this distinction in the Examiner's rejection of claim 141 ("Even though the troughs are cut into the tubular...") and the response to arguments presented in the last response regarding claim 141 ("The thickness of the wall is the same except for where the corrugations are"). Therefore, claim 141 and its dependents are patentable over *Quigley*.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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